Sharing of Sports Contract

1506. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that private broadcasters have strongly opposed a proposal that seeks to make it mandatory for them to share sports contract with Prasar Bharati;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) A proposal is under consideration of the Government regarding mandatory sharing of terrestrial telecast rights of sporting events of national importance by the rights holders with Prasar Bharati. The Government has engaged the major sports channel and Sports Rights management companies in a dialogue to evolve or at least to optimise consensus.

Uplinking policy for TV channels

1507. SHRI RAMA MUNISIRIGI REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a Group of Ministers to study the uplinking policy for TV channels proposed by his Ministry.

(b) whether any representations have been received from stakeholders for studying the entire uplinking policy proposed by Government;

(c) if so, the details of the representations made and the persons/ organisations from which they have received; and

(d) whether the uplinking has been permitted through KU band?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The Government have constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) to examine the proposal for Review of Uplinking Policy and finalise its recommendations.